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Public Health Order 20-05

Second Amendment to Public Health Order 20-03, COVID-19 Safer-At-Home and Stay at Home for Vulnerable Individuals

1. **Background and Purpose.** On May 1, 2020, the Public Health Director issued Amended Public Health Order 20-03. On May 29, 2020, Las Animas and Huerfano County's variance request was approved. This Order 20-05 will amend and supplement Public Health Orders 20-03 and 20-04 in accordance with the variance approval. This Public Health Order is being issued to continue to limit the health impacts of COVID-19. This Order continues social distancing requirements for all residents and Stay-at-Home requirements for vulnerable populations pursuant to Executive Order D 2020 044. The virus that causes COVID-19 is spread primarily by close contact between people and through respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs or sneezes. It can also be spread through contact with contaminated surfaces. Public health experts recommend we practice social distancing, or maintaining a physical distance of six (6) feet or more from other people, as a way to slow the spread of COVID-19. Evidence shows that social distancing and the Stay at Home Orders have helped to slow the increase of cases and rate of infection.

While taking these additional steps toward resuming our daily lives, State and local Health Departments continue to monitor the spread of COVID-19 and additional precautions may be necessary in the future.

On April 26, 2020, Governor Jared Polis issued an Executive Order D 2020 044, Safer at Home. On May 25, 2020, Governor Jared Polis issued Executive Order D 2020 079, Amending and Extending Executive Order D 2020 044 Safer at Home.

Executive Order D 2020-044 and Executive Order D 2020-079.

On May 26, 2020, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) issued Fourth Amended Public Health Order 20-28.

On May 29, 2020, Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) approved, with additional conditions, Las Animas and Huerfano County's variance request.

2. **Effective Area, Date and Time.** This Amended Order will be effective within the entirety of Las Animas and Huerfano Counties at **12:01AM on May 30, 2020** unless otherwise specifically provided for herein and will remain in effect until further notice.
3. **Legal Authority.** This Order is adopted pursuant to the legal authority set forth in sections 25-1-506, 25-1-508, and 25-1-509, Colorado Revised Statutes, as well as all other applicable laws,

rules, regulations, orders and declarations. Under this authority, the Las Animas Huerfano Counties District Health Department (LAHCDHD) Director has the duty to investigate and control the causes of an epidemic or communicable diseases and conditions affecting public health; to establish, maintain, and enforce isolation and quarantine; to exercise physical control over the property and over the persons within the territorial limits of Las Animas and Huerfano Counties; and to prohibit the gatherings of people to protect the public health; as the LAHCDHD Director may find necessary for the protection of the public health. Immediate issuance of this Order is deemed reasonable and necessary under the existing circumstances and necessary for the preservation of the public's health, safety and welfare.

4. LAHCDHD Public Health Order 20-03 is Amended as Follows:

a. Paragraph 8 subsection a. is amended and shall now read:

“All events and gatherings of more than ten (10) people, including employees and attendees, are prohibited until further notice, unless otherwise specifically provided for in any active LAHCDHD Public Health Order”

b. Paragraph 8 subsection e. is amended and shall now read:

“e. Places of worship are encouraged to continue offering online or drive-up services as much as possible. For activities within a facility, places of worship shall be allowed to increase the number of participants, if they choose, as outlined in the following guidelines:

- Limit the number of guests to no more than 50% of the posted occupancy code limit ensuring a minimum 28 square feet per person or between groups of a single household of 10 or less, not to exceed more than 175 people gathered in a confined indoor space at any given time.
- Guests shall not be permitted to wait in the lobby area or in lines outside the door. No mingling time before, during or after services.
- Mask shall be required by all guests, when at all possible.
- Post signs at entrances regarding face coverings, and post signs throughout the facility as needed to remind guests of social distancing and proper hygiene.
- Make reasonable accommodations for vulnerable populations who are still under the Stay at Home advisement. (e.g. online viewing, visits to their home). Discourage any such individual from traveling to and/or entering the facility.
- Do not allow anyone to attend any event/activity in person if they are experiencing symptoms of any illness.
- Implement one-way entry/exit and directional walkways as much as possible.
- Place markings on the floor to maintain at least a six-foot distance where a line may form.
- Spread people out to maintain a six-foot distance between individuals/groups of a single household.
- Implement touchless offering and communion options as much as possible (e.g. do not pass around the offering plate, make available individual offerings that can be picked up by individuals to limit touching, pre-packaged and/or grab-and-go).
- Perform environmental cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high touch surfaces every 2 hours and maintain a cleaning log.

- No self-service refreshments.
- Provide handwashing and/or sanitizer.
- Monitor employees and volunteers for one of the following symptoms: Cough, Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, Or two or more of the following symptoms: Fever, Chills, Repeated shaking with Chills Muscle Pain, Headache Sore throat, New loss of taste or smell. Symptomatic employees MUST be excluded from the workplace.
- Employees and volunteers shall be required to wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth, individuals that cannot wear a mask shall not be permitted to work at this time.”

c. Paragraph 13 shall be amended to add subsection f. which shall read:

“f. Local recreational facilities can be open to the public under the following guidelines. Las Animas County, Huerfano County or any municipality can enact stricter orders as seen fit.

- Group gatherings must be kept to 10 people or less.
- Park facilities conducive to gathering, including shelters, picnic areas, and playgrounds are to remain closed.
- Swim beaches, swimming pools and Splash pads are to remain closed.
- League or pick-up sports are prohibited at this time.
- Spaces that enable social distancing such as trails, green space, tennis courts and golf course may be open for use under current local public health orders.
- Physical distancing should be maintained in outdoor settings (6 feet while hiking, 15 feet while running or biking).
- Outdoor recreation facilities may remain open when adequate controls are able to be implemented to ensure 6-foot social distancing.
- Monitor employees and volunteers for one of the following symptoms: Cough, Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing. Or two or more of the following symptoms: Fever, Chills, Repeated shaking with Chills Muscle Pain, Headache, Sore throat, New loss of taste or smell. Symptomatic employees MUST be excluded from the workplace.
- Employees shall be required to wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth, individuals that cannot wear a mask shall not be permitted to work at this time.
- Perform environmental cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high touch surfaces every 2 hours and maintain a cleaning log.
- Privately owned camp grounds and RV parks may be open for use if they can strictly adhere to social distancing guidelines and maintain a 6-foot distance. They can operate at a 50% capacity, leaving every other camp site open to allow for proper distancing. Groups must be limited to members of the same household. All shared facilities must remain closed with the exception of bathrooms which must be cleaned every 2 hours and have a maintained cleaning log. Camp grounds/RV parks shall also follow other recreation guidelines listed above.”

d. Paragraph 14 subsection a. is amended and to remove gyms, fitness centers and studios.
Subsection f. shall be added to read:

“f. Gyms, health clubs, and other similar fitness facilities shall be able to open their facilities for limited use. Fitness facilities that choose to open under limited use must do so under the following guidelines:

- Limit the number of customers to 50% of the posted occupancy code limit ensuring a minimum 28 square feet per person not to exceed more than 175 people gathered in a confined indoor space at any given time.
- Do not allow members to wait in lobby or in lines outside of the doors.
- Members must wear a face covering while using the facility, when physically possible.
- Post signs at entrances regarding face coverings, and post signs throughout the facility as needed to remind guests of social distancing and proper hygiene.
- Make reasonable accommodations for vulnerable populations who are still under the Safer at Home advisement. (e.g. assistance with equipment cleaning, special hours).
- All members and staff must practice good hand hygiene, either hand washing or sanitizer.

Members experiencing symptoms of any illness MUST exclude themselves from using the facility.

- Implement one-way entry/exit and directional walkways as much as possible.
- Spread people out so that there is at least a 6-foot social distance between individuals throughout the facility.
- Sharing of equipment must be prohibited.
- An employee must be required to disinfect equipment after every use.
- Perform environmental cleaning and disinfection of bathrooms and high touch surfaces every 2 hours and maintain a cleaning log.
- Monitor employees for one of the following symptoms: Cough, Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, Or two or more of the following symptoms: Fever, Chills, Repeated shaking with Chills Muscle Pain, Headache, Sore throat, New loss of taste or smell. Symptomatic employees MUST be excluded from the workplace.
- Employees shall be required to wear a non-medical cloth face covering over the nose and mouth and any person that cannot wear a mask shall not be permitted to work at this time.
- Personal training is allowed while strictly adhering to social distancing guidelines and limited to 4 people, plus the instructor.
- Group classes are not allowed.
- Sport courts are to remain closed.
- Locker rooms must remain closed.
- Saunas, pools (indoor and outdoor) and shared spaces must remain closed.
- On-site childcare facilities must remain closed.”

5. Unless specifically addressed above or in Public Health Order 20-04, LAHCDHD's Public Health Order 20-03 shall remain in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

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